

STATE OF MAINE  
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Docket No. BAR-92-01

BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE BAR)

v.

TORREY A. SYLVESTER )

ORDER

This matter was heard by this Court on February 22, 1994, on the petition of Torrey A. Sylvester seeking reinstatement to the practice of law in the State of Maine. The Board of Overseers of the Bar was represented by Bar Counsel, J. Scott Davis, Esq., and Torrey A. Sylvester appeared personally and by his counsel, Kevin M. Cuddy, Esq.

The subject petition was initially filed with the Board of Overseers of the Bar and was then referred to the Grievance Commission. A panel of the Commission conducted an investigation and hearing, and provided its report to the Board. In that report, dated October 8, 1993, the panel recommended to the Board that reinstatement be recommended. The Board held a hearing and heard argument of counsel, but was unable to agree upon a recommendation. The Board forwarded the findings and recommendation of the panel to the Court.

Having heard the testimony of petitioner and having carefully considered the record generated in the proceedings before the panel, this

Court is unable to find that petitioner has truthfully acknowledged the conduct that resulted in his disbarment. His initial response to Bar Counsel, and the testimony he has offered at various stages in the disbarment proceedings, cannot be reconciled with the testimony he now offers in support of his petition for reinstatement.

The petitioner bears a very heavy burden in seeking reinstatement. This Court remains unpersuaded that the petitioner has clearly and convincingly demonstrated the honesty and integrity required of those admitted to practice law in the State of Maine.

It is ORDERED that the petition be and hereby is DENIED.

Dated: March 10, 1994



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DANIEL E. WATHEN  
Chief Justice